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Last year, we lost a giant of the faith in Dr. Lee Roberson. In that same year another giant of the faith died as well. Although not quite as well known as Dr. Lee Roberson, Bro Junior Bryson teemed in his own right. One of the young men in my Sunday school class married a girl from Bro. Junior's church. I asked her about Bro. Junior. She said well if there was ever a need in her life and wanted someone to pray for her, she would want to know that Bro. Junior was praying for her. She said if there was ever any one that could get a hold of God it was him. "Get a hold of God" we have often heard that phrase yet what does it mean? Does it mean, that we grab a hold of God by the lap of the neck and arm wrestle him into doing what we want. No! I believe it is the weak & feeble touch that taps into the gracious power of God. In this third of the greatest miracles of Jesus, we are given insight into touch.

I. The Opportunity of Touching Jesus 1505

The first thing that we must understand is that there is the possibility of the opportunity of touching Jesus. He's not

land of dishonour ^{intensity}. But ~~he~~ ^{it} is mighty ^{Heb 4:15}

A. Her Problem - There was opportunity for her to touch Jesus because of Her Problem. You might think, don't problems keep you from doing things, well not in this case. We learned earlier in ⁽³⁾ Mark 2:17. She is a prime candidate for touching Jesus. She knew she needed help. ⁽⁴⁾ What brought her to the Lord Jesus. So often ⁽⁴⁾ extremities are what

B. His Position - He was within reach! She had had this condition for twelve years losing blood, weakening day by day. She had not the strength to stalk the Lord Jesus and wait for the right moment. I believe the reason that she touched the hem of his garment was because she had fallen, and could not ⁽⁵⁾ because of strength push back or crawl, I have often

C. His Person - This could not have happened in the old Testament. In the old testament Death could not be touched by humanity. Moses told the people not to even touch the ark, or a stumble cart shifter. Uzza touched ark and God struck him dead. But here and now we have the God Man, the mediator between God and man! ⁽⁶⁾ The one that was so much ^{man}

The Obstacles in Touching Jesus -

But the sought to Jesus was not an easy path. There were hindrances in the path there were obstacles in the way.

- 1) ...insight into touching Jesus. The lost at the extremity of their sinful condition may come and touch Jesus. The child of God at the extremity of their burdens and trial may come and touch Jesus. I want you to notice three things surrounding this scene of the woman with the issue of blood and learn principals that show us how to touch Jesus.
- 2) Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- 3) Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
- 4) ...are what bring us nigh unto the Lord. Vs.27, when she heard. Someone told her. Had to have been a convincing person: Luke 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all. Luke 8 is the parallel account. Some one told her and she brought her need to Jesus. Just like tonight, I'm telling you...
- 5) ...I have often found that when that burden is at it's heaviest, is the time that I must reach out and touch for Him. That's why we have this old alter here, it's because when God is moving and Jesus is passing by in the midst of is people, it's then that we should reach out to touch Him, to get a hold of God!
- 6) ...so much man that he could fall asleep in the back of the boat, yet he was so much God that he could rise to the deck and command the sea and the waves to be still. He was so much man that he became hungry just like you and I, yet he was so much God that he took five loaves and fed the 5000, he was so much man that he cried hot tears at the grave of Lazarus, yet he was so much God that he could cry Lazarus come fouth and he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with gravedclothes

1) The Talmud, which is a body of Jewish civil and religious laws added to the Old Testament by the Jews, it listed eleven cures for this particular uterine hemorrhage that this lady had. Some were potions, some were superstitions, and in one place it says, 'Take the gum of Alexandria, the weight of a small silver coin; of allum the same; of crocus the same. Let them be bruised together, and given in wine to the woman that had an issue of blood. If this does not benefit, take of Persian onions three pints, boil them in wine. Give her to drink and say: 'Arise from thy flux', and if this does not cure her, set her in a place where two ways meet, and let her hold a cup of wine in her right hand, and let someone come behind and frighten her and say, 'Arise from thy flux'. In another place it actually recommends that the afflicted woman carry a barley corn - wait for it - which had been taken from the droppings of a white she-donkey, to be cured of this illness.

2) ...to touch Jesus we must come in faith! Overcome the evident circumstances and come to him believing and trusting. In our weakness we can be made strong.

the way. This will be true of us. If it were easy
A. The Obstacle of Her Condition - She
was suffering from an issue of blood.
A minimal medical condition that caused
her to bleed constantly for 12 years. VS 26.

5. suffered things of drugs. She might of said
what's the use! Nothing has helped. She
had no money, probably penniless. due to
nothing to give to him. In order to touch Jesus

B. The Obstacle of the Crowd - VS 31 Disc
iple says "throng" presses. All around
him was the closely packed group of people. And
here we find this weak frail woman on the
outside. She is being blocked, to her
it may seem even to be impossible. impos.
able. Life tries to throw distractions, the
cause touching to seem impossible. Yet keep going ^{expression}

C. The Obstacle of Her Uncleaness -
Because of her medical condition
she was pronounced ceremonially un-
clean. Just like a leper, she was an out-
cast. She was not suppose to be in this
crowd. She might say what if someone
saw, what if I'm noticed. Oh look at

me in my desperate situation I don't deserve

III. The Outcome of Touching Jesus

These Obstacles were overcome by
faith. By faith, she summons strength
to reach, by faith she refused to be deterred.

eyes off her condition and looked to Jesus. ^{what was the}

A. An instantaneous Healing ^{Vs 29} She was healed! Oh I believe every feeble step she made toward him, he made great leaps toward her. Touching Jesus is the answer to your problem, sin problem - shame problem, sickness problem, sorrow problem.

B. An insightful Question ^{Vs 31-32} What an amazing insight we see into the healing ministry of the Lord Jesus. ^{Vs 33} Power - Power was issued. This healing cost Jesus something. Just like the healing of your sick soul cost Jesus to be nailed to cross, so

C. An Emotional Confession ^{Vs 33} Jesus called out "Who...?" because it gave a stage for a public profession of that faith. She broke down before God & everybody and spilled it all. Jesus was touched by this sinful woman, and she was transformed.

D. An Encouraging Word - In verse 25, 33 she is referred to as woman but now in verse 34 Jesus first word "Daughter" Pastor tells story of one layman in church whose wife & children were accident w/ drunk driver, Dr's: Expect worse, ³ Goes into chapel

IV. Closing - I love to sing that song he is here! Hallelujah! He is here, ~~man~~, here is here Holy, Holy, I will bless his name again, He is here ~~list~~ ^{list} → closely hear him calling out your name he is here

1) ...cross, so for us to touch the lives of those around us it will cost us something. Our pride, our time, our emotions.

2) ...transformed into a trophy of grace!

3) ...chapel, and pours his heart out to God face first on the ground. "God she's my bride, my wife, my helpmeet, the mother of my children, God don't take her from me." Later on he comes to the family and says, "I've just heard from heaven and it's all right now... H.S. said to me she may be your bride, your wife, your helpmeet, and the mother of your children, but she's my daughter!!! Jesus is just welcoming her into the family. She was made whole, not just healed but made whole, physically and spiritually!

4) ...he is her you can touch him you will never be the same! Oh to touch Jesus! We can! We have a standing invitation to come to him and have his way in our lives!